

## Student statement:

The bulb that extends from the centrepiece is a branch that represents my family. On the upper side are my parents and below are myself and three siblings. The green represents growth and also the idea of living and growing up in NZ. The star shape is taken from the Filipino flag to show my heritage. The colours of red, yellow and blue are also taken from this. The eight points of the star represent islands in the Philippines. I liked the simplicity of Ngatai Taepa's work and the complexity of the techniques involved so chose to convey my ideas in his style. I was drawn to the fact that it was so different to how we usually see Kowhaiwhai.

